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SOCIETY NEWS

Society's new CPD Requirement Handbook online

The [NSBS CPD Requirement Handbook](#) is now available on the website, in the section [For lawyers](#), under the [Professional Development](#) heading. It should answer most questions about the Society's new mandatory continuing professional development requirement, which **comes into effect this Friday, June 1, 2012**.

The new handbook provides detailed information on the following topics:

- general questions
- what CPD is eligible toward the mandatory requirement
- does the CPD requirement apply to me?
- tracking and reporting CPD
- resources.

Starting on June 1, all practising lawyers in Nova Scotia will be required to complete at least 12 hours of continuing professional development annually, and to report this education on their Annual Member Reports.

For further details about the new CPD requirement, please visit the [NSBS CPD Requirement](#) page of the Society's website, and the [CPD Requirement Chart](#). Also see the special feature section of the April edition of the [Society Record](#).

For links to examples of CPD programming and providers, visit the [CPD resources](#) page and [Upcoming events](#).

For any further questions not addressed on the website or in the new handbook, please email the Society at cpd@nsbs.org, or phone the **NSBS CPD line: 902 422 1491 ext. 371**. A staff member will respond to your query within five business days.

Changes in Category – May 14 to 28, 2012

This feature is now available in every edition of *InForum*, for timely updates on changes of category.

The following member has changed to the Practising Lawyer category:

Jarvis Patrick Googoo

The following members have resigned:

David G. Giovannetti

Jaclyn Christine Moher

Council Highlights from Friday, May 18, 2012

For details about matters discussed at Council's meeting on Friday, May 18, please visit the Council Highlights and Documents, which will be posted shortly on the [Council materials](#) page of the Society's website:

<http://nsbs.org/council-materials>

The next regular meeting of Council is scheduled for Friday, June 15, 2012 at the Society's offices.

The 2012 Annual Meeting and Schulich School of Law Professional Development Program

Saturday, June 16, 2012 | 8:30 am – 12:30 pm

Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University, 6061 University Avenue, Halifax

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[2012 Annual Meeting Invitation](#) (PDF)

Lawyers are invited to attend the 2012 Nova Scotia Barristers' Society Annual Meeting on Saturday, June 16 from 8:30 – 10:30 am. Following the 2012 Annual Meeting, the Schulich School of Law will present a two-hour professional development program. Registration is free, and attendance at both events will count toward the Society's CPD Requirement.

The 2012 Nova Scotia Barristers' Society Annual Meeting

8:30 am – 10:30 am

*including a presentation by Darrel I. Pink, Executive Director
on **The Revolution in Delivery of Legal Services***

Attendance qualifies for one hour toward the Society's CPD Requirement. Light breakfast/coffee will be available.

Schulich School of Law Professional Development Program

10:30 am – 12:30 pm

Join professors from the Schulich School of Law and Society & LIANS staff for a selection of sessions on recent case law and other legal developments, current issues in legal ethics, risk and practice management, and cultural competence. A list of available sessions will be posted at nsbs.org/events.

Attendance qualifies for two hours toward the Society's CPD Requirement.

For more details and updates, visit the events page of the Society's website at <http://nsbs.org/events> and see the listing for the [2012 Annual Meeting](#).

RSVP: To confirm your attendance at the 2012 Annual Meeting and the Schulich School of Law Professional Development Program, RSVP to AnnualMeeting2012@nsbs.org. When you RSVP by email, please include the full names of those attending.

UnCommon Law 4: June 8 in Sydney

How do we improve access to justice for women in Nova Scotia? That's the focus of UnCommon Law 4, to be presented by the Society this year in Cape Breton for the first time. All NSBS members are welcome to attend this June 8 event, coordinated by the Gender Equity Committee.

June 8, 2012 | 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Cambridge Suites Hotel, 380 Esplanade, Sydney, NS

[UNCOMMON LAW 4 - INVITATION](#) (PDF)

This event is an opportunity for community groups and all members of the legal profession – male and female – to speak, listen and learn from each other on issues relating to access to justice for women in Nova Scotia.

For more details, visit the events page of the Society's website at <http://nsbs.org/events> and see the [UnCommon Law 4 posting](#).

Please RSVP by May 30, 2012 to Emma Halpern at ehalpern@nsbs.org

Follow the Society on Twitter.com/NSBS

If you would like to receive Twitter updates from the Society, please follow us at <http://twitter.com/NSBS>.

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FROM THE COURTS

Supreme Court amends Civil Procedure Rule 68.03 and establishes a Registry of Class Actions

The Supreme Court of Nova Scotia has made several amendments to the *Civil Procedure Rules*. Of particular note are the [amendments](#) to Rule 68.03 regarding class action proceedings.

Rule 68.03 will require that copies of documents in class action proceedings be sent to the Executive Office of the Judiciary. Copies submitted to the National CBA Database will suffice. Please send the documents to ClassActionNS@gov.ns.ca.

Documents for each case will then be posted on the Courts website at [Registry of Nova Scotia Class Actions](#)

For details about these changes, please read the full Notice to the Bar at this link: <http://www.courts.ns.ca/general/bar.htm>

Notices to the Bar

Important updates for the legal profession are routinely posted on the Courts Nova Scotia website, on the "Notices to the Bar" page under the RESOURCES links on the left side of the website. Subscribe to the new Twitter service to be automatically notified whenever something new is added to this web page. For instructions, visit <http://www.courts.ns.ca/General/bar.htm>.

Several Twitter accounts have been set up to better serve the legal profession, the general public and the media, replacing the RSS Feed service that was previously available on the website.

- **Decisions of the Courts:** Receive Tweets when the Courts post new decisions on the website. The Tweet will link you directly to the decision itself. Choose to receive Tweets about decisions released by one or all of the Courts. http://www.courts.ns.ca/decisions_recent/decisions_weekly_list.htm
- **Notices To The Bar:** These Tweets include notices about Court schedules, the Prothonotary's "Hints And Tips", amendments to the *Civil Procedure Rules*, and changes to the online dockets of the Court of Appeal, Supreme Court in Kentville/Windsor, and the Bankruptcy Court. <http://www.courts.ns.ca/General/bar.htm>
- **News of the Courts:** Follow news about the Courts as it is posted on the website. These News Tweets will be in addition to news releases regularly emailed directly to the media. <http://www.courts.ns.ca>

Other notices to the Bar:

Federal Court: Ongoing updates are posted on the [Notices to Parties and the Legal Profession](#) web page.

FROM THE PROVINCE

Provincial notices

Note: Find direct links to more provincial announcements on the What's New page at the start of *InForum*.

Error & Omission notices

A number of new *Land Registration Act* and *Registry Act* Error & Omission notices have recently been posted online. Please note the new notices from the Colchester, Kings and Lunenburg County Land Registration Offices. To view these notices in full, refer to the Errors & Omissions page on the [Property OnLine](#) (POL) website.

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OTHER NEWS & NOTICES

2012 Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory now online

The 2012 annual Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory has just been published at www.lexpert.ca/directory. Find out which lawyers across Canada have been identified as leading in their areas of practice. Read more details on this Lexpert [blog item](#) from May 25.

Negotiations break down between Government of New Brunswick and the New Brunswick Crown Prosecutors' Association and the New Brunswick Crown Counsel Association

The New Brunswick Crown Counsel Association and the New Brunswick Crown Prosecutors' Association have been trying to renew their collective agreement with the Government of New Brunswick since September 20, 2011. Read the latest update in the [May 23 announcement](#) from the Professional Institute of the Public Service of Canada, which represents some 60,000 professionals and scientists across Canada's public sector.

See also: [Increased workload, budget cuts concern Crown attorneys in Nova Scotia](#) (thechronicleherald.ca | May 28, 2012)

Policy Options: Constitutional Affairs Essay Competition – deadline this Thursday, May 31

With the support of Norton Rose and the Canadian Constitutional Affairs Conference (CCAC), *Policy Options* magazine, published by the Institute for Research on Public Policy (IRPP), is asking for submissions to the annual [Constitutional Affairs Essay Competition](#).

The competition's organizers aim to promote debate on constitutional affairs in Canada by publishing the best student essays on the topic and compensating their authors. The competition was created in recognition of the CCAC's national conference for law students and constitutional experts, which took place in Quebec City in 2008. This conference focused on Canadian federalism and identity and sought to increase the opportunity for, and quality of, debate among students from across Canada.

The winning entry will be published in the IRPP's *Policy Options* magazine, and its author awarded a \$1,500 prize. The second place entry will be posted online on the IRPP's website (www.irpp.org), and its author awarded a \$500 prize. For more details and to see winning essays from the past, see: http://www.irpp.org/po/essay_comp.php

Deadline for receipt of submissions: **May 31, 2012**

For more information and to submit entries: constitution@irpp.org

AWARDS & APPOINTMENTS

Raymond F. Wagner – recipient of the 2012 Lorne Clarke QC Access to Justice Award

On April 17 at the Lunch for LISNS, Raymond F. Wagner, of Wagner and Associates, was presented with the 3rd Annual Legal Information Society of Nova Scotia Hon. Lorne Clarke, Q.C. Access to Justice Award.

With over 30 years experience of plaintiff personal injury litigation, Ray has worked with great effort to access justice in civil law for many people who would not otherwise afford such access. In 2011 in particular, he achieved Class Action certification for the residents of the Sydney Tar Ponds. Other clients include survivors of abuse at the Nova Scotia Home for Coloured Children, the Westray mine disaster victim families, and injured patients in Vioxx and OxyContin pharmaceutical Class Actions.

Outside of his practice, Ray has demonstrated his commitment to access to justice through his involvement with the Atlantic Provinces Trial Lawyers Association (of which he was a founder and the inaugural President). He is currently Chair of its NS Access to Justice Committee.

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The presentation took place at the World Trade and Convention Centre in Halifax. Read more about the [award](#) on the LISNS website at www.legalinfo.org.

Edwin Harris QC receives national Tax Court medal

Ed Harris received the Tax Court of Canada Medal at a dinner in Halifax on Wednesday. Called to the Nova Scotia Bar in 1959, Ed is a former chair of the Canadian Tax Foundation. His skills as a corporate and tax litigator and estates and trusts lawyer are recognized by Best Lawyers in Canada and Lexpert lists him as a Leading Practitioner of Corporate, Estate and Personal Tax law. He has spoken and written extensively on tax and related matters for many professional and governmental bodies.

Peter Driscoll earns Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal

Halifax lawyer Peter Driscoll recently received the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal, created to mark the 60th anniversary of Her Majesty's accession to the throne. This prestigious medal was given to Peter based on his dedicated service to his peers, his community and to Canada. He was nominated for the award by a group of Canada's veterans.

Call for nominations: Ramon John Hnatyshyn Award for Law

The Canadian Bar Association is seeking nominations for the 2012 Ramon John Hnatyshyn Award for Law. The deadline for applications is **May 31, 2012**.

Established by the Governor General in 1993 and entrusted to the Canadian Bar Association, the medal recognizes outstanding contribution to the law or legal scholarship in Canada.

Nomination forms, other details and a list of past recipients are available [here](#).

The medal will be presented at the Canadian Legal Conference in August.

The selection committee is seeking nominations from law schools, law societies and Chief Justices. It would be most appreciated if you could recommend a nominee and ensure this award is brought to the attention of your colleagues. Details, including the formal nomination form, are also available at www.cba.org/CBA/Awards/hnatyshyn.

Le Prix pour le Droit Ramon John Hnatyshyn

Soyez rappelé que le Comité des prix et récompenses est à la recherche de candidats et de candidates pour le Prix d'excellence pour le droit Ramon John Hnatyshyn 2012. La date limite pour soumettre les candidatures est le **31 mai 2012**.

Établie par le gouverneur général en 1993 et confiée à l'Association du Barreau canadien, cette médaille récompense la contribution exceptionnelle apportée par une ou un juriste au droit ou au savoir juridique au Canada.

La médaille sera remise dans le cadre de la Conférence juridique annuelle de l'ABC en août.

Le Comité de sélection est à la recherche de candidatures en provenance des facultés de droit, des barreaux et des juges en chef. Nous vous serions reconnaissant(e)s de nous recommander un candidat ou une candidate et de faire connaître ce prix parmi vos collègues. De plus amples détails, y compris le formulaire officiel de proposition de candidature, sont aussi disponibles sur notre site Web www.cba.org/ABC/Prix/prix_hnatyshyn.

Je vous remercie de l'attention que vous accorderez à cette requête et vous prie d'agréer, Madame, Monsieur, l'expression de mes sentiments les meilleurs.

Stephen Hanson, Directeur principal des Communications
stephenh@cba.org

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VOLUNTEER & PRO BONO OPPORTUNITIES

Help promote access to justice for Nova Scotians

The Legal Information Society of Nova Scotia is celebrating 30 years of helping Nova Scotians access information about the law so they are better prepared to deal with their legal issues and questions.

Thousands of Nova Scotians access its services every year through a variety of channels. LISNS is now busier than ever, with a number of important projects underway and special events planned over the coming months.

LISNS is a small charity with limited resources and it needs your help. We are actively recruiting volunteers to work on various projects and special events, to join our committees, and to serve on our Board of Directors. Committees include Finance, Legal Content, Philanthropy, PR and Communications, and Community Connections. We seek people with a wide range of skills and interests from all backgrounds.

For more information about the various volunteer opportunities available, please contact lisns@legalinfo.org. To learn more about LISNS and its services, visit www.legalinfo.org.

Do you want to give back? Learn more about your community?

Join the Sackville Bedford Early Intervention Board of Directors and contribute to your community.

Based on the philosophy the "Each belongs", the Sackville Bedford Early Intervention program has been providing support and education since 1983 to children from birth to age six who have or are at risk for developmental delays.

Early Intervention is part of a team of professionals, lead by parents, who work together and respond to the family's needs and priorities as they relate to the development of their child. Early intervention also provides learning opportunities for families and helps to provide information so that families can make informed decisions about their child's learning and development. Early intervention also supports family advocacy, networking and community inclusion.

Sackville Bedford Early Intervention currently employs an Executive Director, part-time office administrator, three full-time Early Interventionists and one part time interventionist. Our program is funded by the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services, donations and our own fundraising events.

Our Board of Directors currently consists of parents, professionals and other community members interested in supporting Sackville Bedford Early Intervention Program by helping to develop and monitor short-term and long range planning for the early intervention program. Our board also helps to evaluate the services being provided by the program in relation to the specified goals and standards and to recommend modifications where appropriate. Our board meets on the third Tuesday of the month, five times per year (usually September, November, February, April, and our Annual General Meeting is in June). Our board also has committees that meet as required.

Please consider offering your expertise to the Board and join the men and women who give back to the community through Early Intervention. For more information, please call Pamela at 449-9987 or email creativepam@gmail.com.
<http://www.sbeip.com/>

Artists' Legal Information Services (ALIS)

Artists' Legal Information Society (ALIS) is a non-profit legal support volunteer organization based in Halifax. Our mission is to make a stronger, more vibrant arts community in Nova Scotia by helping to resolve legal issues for artists living here. This will be accomplished by providing free clinics, workshops and library resources to artists in Atlantic Canada. We work with all types of artists to help them understand how the law impacts them, and provide a framework for navigating potential obstacles.

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If you are a lawyer with experience in contract law, entertainment law, tax law, or just have an interest in the needs of local artists, then we would love to hear from you. We are looking for support from the Atlantic Canada legal community on a *pro bono* basis.

If you are interested in getting involved, please contact us at info@nsalis.com. For more information please visit www.nsalis.com.

reachAbility Volunteer Opportunities

reachAbility's Legal Referral Service is a community-based service that bridges the gap between existing local resources and public need. We provide an opportunity for persons living with disabilities to better understand their legal rights, as well as providing lawyers with an opportunity to use their legal skills in a volunteer capacity to address the needs of an often marginalized segment of our community.

reachAbility's Legal Referral Service offers access to free legal advice for any person with a disability. Lawyers throughout the province volunteer their time and expertise to our clients and we're always looking for new perspectives. The time commitment that we ask from our volunteers is small – a single one-hour consultation each year – but it is a commitment that will make an immediate difference in the life of a Nova Scotian with a disability.

Join other volunteering members of the Legal Community by completing our online Lawyer Volunteer Form at: <http://reachability.org/legal-programming/lawyer-sign-up-form/>

For further information, contact us: (902) 429-5878 or legal@reachability.org

Or visit us online: <http://reachability.org/legal-programming/legal-referral-services-lawyer-information/>

LIANS and NSBS Mentorship Program

For information, visit the **Mentorship Program** section on the LIANS website, under the Risk and Practice Management heading at http://lians.ca/rpm/mentorship_program/. Documents available on the website include the **Mentorship Program Application Form**, a **Model Mentoring Activity Plan** for participants and a **Mentoring Guidelines** booklet.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES: nsbs.org/careers

To post career opportunities relating to the legal profession, use the Society's new [online form](#).

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:: CONFERENCES & SEMINARS ::

NSBS ADMISSIONS & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Visit the [CPD](#) page at [NSBS.org](#)

Land Registration Act Training

Registration is open for the Online *Land Registration Act* training program.
Cost for this program is \$600 plus HST and registrants have one week to complete the course.

Dates for next LRA course:

- June 20 to 27, 2012

[Register online](#)

OUTSIDE CONFERENCES & SEMINARS

Please visit the [events](#) page on our website for the most up-to-date listings.

UPCOMING EVENTS FROM CANADIAN CENTRE FOR ETHICS IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS (CCEPA)

Touching the Wounds: A Theological Reflection on Remorse, Reconciliation and the Catholic Church in the Pedophilia Crisis

May 22, 7pm – 9pm at Scotiabank Theatre Auditorium, Sobey School of Business, Saint Mary

Keynote: Dr. David Deane, Professor of Theology, Atlantic School of Theology

While analyses of the pedophilia crisis in the Catholic Church from sociological, psychological and legal perspectives abound, theological analyses are curiously lacking. This presentation seeks to offer an analysis of the theological failures of the Catholic hierarchy in response to the abuse crisis and suggest coherently theological models for how a process of reconciliation might emerge. While aware that a theological perspective on the crisis can never be exhaustive, this presentation aims to offer a theological voice to the conversation, for Christians and non-Christians disturbed by this crisis, to hear.

Free Admission – Reception to follow. This event will be live streamed and can be viewed here: www.ccepa.ca

A Concert and Conversation with Peter Buffett

Presented by **RBC Wealth Management | Dominion Securities'**

Find out what Warren Buffett's son has to say about life growing up in the Buffett household and more.

Thursday, May 31, 2012 at 7:00 pm | The Lord Nelson Hotel, Halifax

The Concert & Conversation event combines a cello-accompanied live piano/vocal performance with video clips from Peter's film, TV, and philanthropic work. Punctuated by Peter's candid stories, his presentation ultimately conveys that it's one's values—and what we are able to give back to society—that shape and define us as individuals.

To find out more about this event, please visit the Community Foundation of Nova Scotia's website at www.cfns.ca or contact Bev Clark at bev.clark@cfns.ca

Intensive Trial Advocacy Programme

June 3–9, 2012 | Faculté de droit of the Université de Moncton

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The Intensive Trial Advocacy Programme is organized and presented by The Faculté de droit of the Université de Moncton, and is designed to train lawyers in basic trial techniques equally applicable to civil and criminal cases. It is ideally suited to lawyers, practising in both the criminal and civil courts with two to twelve years of experience, who have had some familiarity with litigation but limited trial experience.

To view the schedule, for more information and to register: <http://www.umoncton.ca/umcm-droit/node/78>

UPCOMING EVENTS FROM CBA-NS

Environmental Law: Sun, Sand & Surf

June 15, 2012 – Save the date!

http://www.cba.org/NS/News_And_Events/Environmental_Law.aspx

http://www.cba.org/dev/NS/News_And_Events/Conference.aspx

Upcoming CBA-NS Online CLE:

- **Family Law for Non-Family Law Lawyers**
Speaker: C. LouAnn Chiasson, Weldon McInnis
Friday, June 8, 2012 from 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. (Atlantic Time)
[Details](#)

Bring the experts to your office. All you need for this live interactive educational opportunity is a phone, computer and 90 minutes. Please contact Riea Elder with any questions at (902) 425-8170 or by email at riea.elder@cbans.ca

UnCommon Law 4 – How do we improve access to justice for women in Nova Scotia?

An opportunity for community groups & members of the legal profession to speak, listen and learn from each other.

YOU'RE INVITED!

Organized by the Gender Equity Committee of the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society

June 8, 2012 from 9 am – 4 pm
Cambridge Suites Hotel, 380 Esplanade, Sydney, NS
Free (lunch included)

RSVP by May 30, 2012 to Emma Halpern at ehalpern@nsbs.org

Criminal Law/Brydges After Hours Conferences

Nova Scotia Legal Aid is hosting three upcoming Criminal Law/Brydges After Hours Conferences.

The conferences will be held:

- June 11, 2012 in Kentville, NS;
- June 13, 2012 in Halifax, NS and;
- June 15, 2012 in Sydney, NS.

There is no fee for attending. For more information and to RSVP, please contact Bev Bishop via email at Beverly.Bishop@nslegalaid.ca or via phone at (902) 420-6578 as soon as possible.

Divorce Support Roundtable

June 16, 2012 (9:00-12:00)

Prospect Community Centre, Prospect, Nova Scotia

Please join Leisa MacIntosh, Family Lawyer and Mediator with the Family Centre at MacIntosh, MacDonnell, and MacDonald at a Divorce Support Roundtable to discuss support services for individuals going through separation and

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divorce. Legal planning is one portion of this process, with financial, psychological, parenting, spiritual, and general well-being being part of the discussions on June 16th, 2012. The forum is open to all individuals who are looking for help as they navigate through this new part of their life. For more information, visit www.solutionsbeyondcourt.com or contact Leisa directly (lmacintosh@macmacmac.ns.ca).

Cultural Teachings: An Aboriginal Cultural Training Session

June 18, 2012 | Lord Nelson Hotel, Halifax, NS

Hosted by Mi'kma-way Cultural Consultation

Guest Facilitator Workshops:

- The Hidden History of the Americas – Mi'kmaw Elder, (Dr.) Daniel N. Paul, C.M., O.N.S
- The First Canadian World View – Janet Pothier & Michael Stephens, Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq
- Landmarks, Laws and their legacy on Aboriginal People – Naomi Metallic, Associate Lawyer Burchells Law Firm

Cultural Performance workshop: Eastern Eagle Singers and Dancers
Special Secret Guest Lunchtime Cultural Performance

For further information please visit <http://mikma-way.com/upcoming-events/> or contact Nathan W. Sack at 902 292 0111

Five Day Workshop: Creating Cultural and Organizational Change

June 18 - June 22, 2012, Halifax

The Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission's Race Relations, Equity and Inclusion Division has an upcoming workshop. If you are interested in attending this workshop, please contact Melissa Brayley at 902-424-4683 or brayleym@gov.ns.ca by May 31, 2012. This workshop is by registration only.

[CTRI Public Workshops.](#)

De-Escalating Potentially Violent Situations™

Halifax: June 26 (early rate deadline June 5)

This workshop is designed to teach people to de-escalate potentially violent situations through assertiveness and interpersonal communication. The training will explore how anger and violence interplay, including opportunities for self-assessment of personal styles. Participants will develop a clear understanding of how to assess the potential for violence and respond with a diverse set of interpersonal tools and strategies designed to defuse potentially violent situations.

WORKSHOP FEE: Early rate: \$160 + HST; Regular rate: \$190 + HST

On-Site Training - Call or email to receive a fee structure.

Webinars - Our webinars are live on-line training sessions that offer abbreviated versions of our in-person public workshops.

Mediation – An Informal Process for Conflict Resolution

Halifax: June 27-28 (early rate deadline June 6)

This skills based workshop is designed to give participants the understanding to work with disputing parties to identify interests, clarify issues and work towards options for resolving the conflict. Participants will have the opportunity to experience scenarios that will help prepare them for intervening in various conflict situations.

Workshop Fee: Early Rate \$385 + HST; Regular Rate \$460 + HST

ON-SITE TRAINING - Call or email to receive a fee structure.

For contact information: www.ctrinstitute.com/contactus.html

Web: www.ctrinstitute.com | Email: info@ctrinstitute.com

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National Criminal Law Program registration open

Presented by the Federation of Law Societies of Canada, the NCLP is Canada's premier CLE and networking conference for the criminal bar.

**Monday, July 9 to Friday, July 13, 2012
Victoria, British Columbia**

Join over 650 Crowns, defence counsel and judges for Evidence, Ethics, and the Administration of Justice, taking place from July 9 – 13, 2012 in spectacular Victoria, British Columbia.

This year's highlights include:

- The Most Important Evidence Case of the McLachlin Court: The Faculty Speaks
- The Registrants Vote
- Point/Counterpoint: The Use of Prior Criminal Records: Are People With Criminal Records Less Likely to be Truthful Witnesses
- Ask Me anything About Ethics: A Roundtable Discussion of Difficult Ethical Problems, small group workshops, and choice of break-out groups
- Monday and Tuesday receptions and organized activities on Thursday provide opportunities to socialize, forge new friendships and reconnect with colleagues from across the country.

[Brochures and further information](#)

Federation of Law Societies National Family Law Program

July 16-19, 2012 | Marriott Harbourfront, Halifax, Nova Scotia

The National Family Law Program was first offered in 1978 and takes place in a different location in Canada every second summer. Opening reception is July 15, 2012

To receive information as it becomes available about the 2012 Program to be held in Halifax, Nova Scotia, please click [here](#). Information will also be posted on this website. To learn more about the National Family Law Program held in Victoria, British Columbia in July 2010, please click [here](#).

Inquiries about the National Family Law Program:

Federation of Law Societies of Canada

National Family Law Program

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The Seventh Annual Halifax Rock for Dimes: Halloween Dance Party, October 25, 2012

On Thursday, October 25, 2012, local amateur musicians will once again strap on their rock instruments to battle for the title of Halifax's Best Band and raise funds for Nova Scotians with physical disabilities.

More than \$120,000 has been raised to date by March of Dimes Canada at this annual event in Halifax. The two previous events in Halifax – “Retro 80s” and “Canada Rocks vs Britain Rocks” – were among the biggest and best Rock for Dimes events across Canada in March of Dimes Canada history. We're hoping the seventh year will make it even bigger and better!

This year's costume-musical theme for the “two stages” event will be **HALLOWEEN DANCE PARTY**. Another excellent opportunity to dust off creative and spectacular costumes for this one! As always, the Battle will include not only lawyers but also other local professionals, such as medical professionals and software experts, which proves to be a very entertaining cross-disciplinary experience for the audience. Ask anyone who went to this event last year or the previous years!

The big change this year is a different venue. The Battle of the Bands will take place at the **CUNARD CENTRE**, on Marginal Road, with lots of parking for everyone.

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Mark your calendars now. The date is **Thursday, October 25, 2012**. Doors open at 7:00 pm. For tables (of 10), tickets and more detailed event and sponsorship information, visit www.rockfordimes.ca or call 1-800-263-3463.

Halifax Rock for Dimes benefits March of Dimes Canada's Conductive Education (CE) Nova Scotia Program, which helps children and adults in our province. CE is an innovative program that blends elements of education and rehabilitation to improve the independence, mobility and confidence of children with disabilities, and has proven especially beneficial to children with cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis and developmental apraxia. March of Dimes Canada is a nationally registered charitable organization providing support services to people with disabilities, their families and caregivers across Canada. In 2010, November 2 became March of Dimes Conductive Education Awareness Day at Province House in Halifax and prominent Nova Scotia MLAs delivered resolutions in the House of Assembly recognizing the "immense benefit" of March of Dimes and Conductive Education in Nova Scotia.

Upcoming Events from the Atlantic Provinces Trial Lawyers Association

APTLA ONLINE LEGAL EDUCATION

The Atlantic Provinces Trial Lawyers Association invites you to enhance your practice through online legal education. Eliminate travel expenses and hear from top trial lawyers from the convenience of your office, home or hotel room using a desktop computer or laptop. **SeminarWeb Live!** provides real-time delivery of papers, presentations, podcasts and video presentations. Participants can ask questions, participate in surveys, and post comments from their computers. There is also a broad selection of self-paced online programs, canvassing all areas of a litigation practice; including:

- Case Intake and Evaluation
- iPhone and iPad for Lawyers: Apps You Need to be Using
- Trying a Case on a Budget
- Powerpoint and Trial: Persuading a 21st Century Jury
- After 25 Years: Lessons Learned Every Trial Lawyer Should Know
- Chronic Pain & Unemployment Equals Depression: A Rateable Disease

To learn more about upcoming programs or the list of available self-paced seminars, visit APTLA's SeminarWeb Live! page at <http://www.seminarweblive.com/ap> or call support at 800 443 1757. More information about these and APTLA's other legal education events can be found at www.aptla.ca.

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Nova Scotia Civil Procedure Rules amendments

Amendments have been made to the *Civil Procedure Rules*.

Amendments were made on May 10, 2012, to the following:

- Part 2, Rule 4.18(1)
- Part 2, Rule 4.22(1)
- Part 15, Rule 68.03
- Part 20, Rule 94.02(5).

The text of the online [Nova Scotia Annotated Civil Procedure Rules](#), including the Forms and PDF versions of the Rules, in whole and part, **has not been updated** as these amendments are not yet in force. The site will be updated when these amendments come into force.

Follow the link to view the text of the amendments as published in the [Royal Gazette Part I Volume 221, No. 20 \(May 16, 2012\)](#) (unofficial copy).

Change to L&IS service: books by courier

All Society members may contact the Barristers' Library for assistance with borrowing circulating books. If the items sought are in the Library and available for loan, L&IS staff will set them aside for pickup in person or by courier.

As of June 1, 2012, the Society will no longer incur the cost of sending books by courier to members. L&IS staff will continue to source, set aside, and prepare books for delivery on behalf of members. Members will bear the cost of sending books out and returning books to the Library.

Keeping current with decisions released from the Courts of Nova Scotia

The New Decisions list feature in *InForum* now includes a main subject heading only. This change was necessary as the new decisions list was drawn *Nova Scotia Law News*, a publication that has been discontinued, and from [Law News Online](#), L&IS' database of Nova Scotia case law, which is no longer being updated as of April 2012.

The Courts of Nova Scotia and CanLII provide options to continue to keep current with case law in your areas of interest.

Via Twitter, the Courts of Nova Scotia provide same-day notification and access to decisions newly released from the Court of Appeal, Supreme Court, Provincial Court and Small Claims Court.

Find these four Twitter feeds on the [Court decisions](#) webpage of the Courts of Nova Scotia website.

You can simply view Twitter feeds by clicking on them without having a Twitter account. Or sign up for an account at [Twitter.com](#) and "follow" the Courts Twitter feeds to automatically receive these postings.

Via RSS feed, CanLII provides notification and access to decisions as they are added to the service from all courts, boards and tribunals available on CanLII. Follow the links to view the complete list of RSS feeds available for all Canadian courts, boards, and tribunals (in [English](#) or [French](#)).

CanLII's webpage on RSS feeds provides some explanation of feeds, how they work, and how to set them up. Please contact Library & Information Services at 425 2665 or 1 866 219 1202 (toll-free) for further assistance with setting up RSS feeds or Twitter.

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New books at the library

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CANADIAN CHARTER OF RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS

FUNDAMENTAL JUSTICE : SECTION 7 OF THE CANADIAN CHARTER OF RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS / Stewart, Hamish -- Toronto: Irwin Law, 2012. **[KB 24.C65 S849 2012]**

COURTS

COURTS, LITIGANTS AND THE DIGITAL AGE : LAW, ETHICS AND PRACTICE / Eltis, Karen -- Toronto: Irwin Law, 2012. **[KB 85 E51 2012]**

ESTATE PLANNING

LAW SOCIETY OF UPPER CANADA SPECIAL LECTURES 2010: A MEDICAL-LEGAL APPROACH TO ESTATE PLANNING AND DECISION MAKING FOR OLDER CLIENTS / Law Society of Upper Canada; Schnurr, Brian S; Shulman, Kenneth I -- Toronto: Irwin Law, 2011. **[KB 100 L416 2011]**

FORENSIC SCIENCE

WIGMORE ON ALCOHOL: COURTROOM ALCOHOL TOXICOLOGY FOR THE MEDICOLEGAL PROFESSIONAL / Wigmore, James G -- Toronto: Irwin Law, 2011. **[KB 93.F5 W659 2011]**

IMPAIRED DRIVING

IMPAIRED DRIVING IN CANADA / Kenkel, Joseph F -- 2012/2013 ed. -- Markham, Ont. LexisNexis Canada, 2012. **[KB 93.6 K33 2012]**

INCOME TAX

STIKEMAN'S INCOME TAX ACT ANNOTATED 2012 INCOME TAX ACT ANNOTATED 2012 / Stikeman, H. Heward; Pound, Richard W -- 51st ed. -- Toronto: Carswell Thomson Reuters, 2012. **[KB 84.I5 S855 2012]**

LAWYERS

WHY GOOD LAWYERS MATTER / Blaikie, David L; Cromwell, Thomas A; Pink, Darrel -- Toronto: Irwin Law, 2012. **[KB 252 B634 2012]**

REAL ESTATE BUSINESS

LEGAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF REAL ESTATE AGENTS / Bocska, Rosemary; Rumack, Martin K.I -- 3d ed. -- Markham, Ont. LexisNexis Canada, 2012. **[KB 57.R3 B664 2012]**

TAX COURTS

PORTABLE TAX COURT PRACTICE, ACT AND RULES 2012 / Bourgard, Gordon; McMechan, Robert -- Toronto: Carswell Thomson Reuters, 2012. **[KB 80 M167 2012]**

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:: NEW DECISIONS ::

CRIMINAL LAW *Mercier v. Nova Scotia (Attorney General)*, C.A. No. 362099, Hamilton, J.A., May 11, 2012. [2012 NSCA 51](#)

CRIMINAL LAW *R. v. Cummings*, C.A.C. No. 341990; C.A. No. 352311, Hamilton, J.A., May 11, 2012. [2012 NSCA 52](#)

CRIMINAL LAW *R. v. Henderson*, C.A.C. No. 357719, Saunders, J.A., May 16, 2012. [2012 NSCA 53](#)

CRIMINAL LAW *R. v. Wilson*, No. 22282707; 22282708; 22282709, Ross, J.P.C., April 19, 2012. [2012 NSPC 40](#)

CRIMINAL LAW *R. v. Boliver*, No. 2022627; 2022628; 2038892, Gabriel, J.P.C., May 4, 2012; April 27, 2012 (orally). [2012 NSPC 33](#)

CRIMINAL LAW *R. v. Lunn*, S.K. No. 357697, Duncan, J., May 10, 2012. [2012 NSSC 190](#)

CRIMINAL LAW *R. v. Greenwood*, C.R.K. No. 352344, Kennedy, C.J., May 9, 2012. [2012 NSSC 194](#)

CRIMINAL LAW *R. v. Simms*, C.R.H. No. 345764, McDougall, J., May 23, 2012; May 15, 2012 (orally). 2012 NSSC 200

CRIMINAL LAW *R. v. Grey*, Hfx. No. 353391, McDougall, J., May 23, 2012. [2012 NSSC 203](#)

FAMILY LAW *Nova Scotia (Community Services) v. Z.*, S.F.H.C.F.S.A. No. 076380, Williams, J., March 8, 2012. [2012 NSSC 87](#)

FAMILY LAW *Doncaster v. Field*, C.A. No. 388212, Hamilton, J.A., May 2, 2012. 2012 NSCA 44

FAMILY LAW *Godin v. Godin*, C.A. No. 342242, Saunders, J.A., May 25, 2012. 2012 NSCA 54

FAMILY LAW *Austin v. Jewkes*, No. 1201-065392, Legere-Sers, J., May 15, 2012. [2012 NSSC 186](#)

FAMILY LAW *Bramwell v. Bramwell*, No. 1201-064806, Legere-Sers, J., May 15, 2012. [2012 NSSC 189](#)

FAMILY LAW *Sayer v. Sayer*, No. 1201-065741, Legere-Sers, J., May 15, 2012. [2012 NSSC 193](#)

FAMILY LAW *F. (Re)*, C. No. 080959, Jollimore, J., May 16, 2012. [2012 NSSC 198](#)

PRACTICE *Downey v. Cranston*, Hfx. No. 177887, McDougall, J., July 14, 2010. [2010 NSSC 270](#)

PRACTICE *Mercier v. Nova Scotia (Attorney General)*, Hfx. No. 349517, Coughlan, J., March 23, 2012; October 11, 2011 (orally). [2012 NSSC 111](#)

PRACTICE *Webber v. Investors Group Financial Services Inc.*, Hfx. No. 260487, Moir, J., May 22, 2012. [2012 NSSC 201](#)

PRACTICE *Survival Systems Training Ltd. v. Survival Systems Ltd.*, Hfx. No. 374897, Edwards, J., May 15, 2012. 2012 NSSC 202

WILLS AND ESTATES *McInnes Cooper v. Moncel Estate*, Hfx. No. 353047; Probate No. 56368, Moir, J., May 15, 2012. [2012 NSSC 195](#)

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SUPREME COURT of CANADA — recent decisions

Library & Information Services - Keeping you informed

The following decisions were released on the [Supreme Court of Canada Judgments](#) website since the last *InForum*. The subject headings and summaries have been prepared by the Supreme Court of Canada.

May 24, 2012

Cinar Corp. v. Robinson

Neutral Citation: [2012 SCC 25](#) (CanLII)

File No.: 34466

2012: May 24

CORAM: LeBel, Fish and Karakatsanis JJ.

ORDER ORDONNANCE
MOTION REQUÊTE

CINAR CORPORATION and LES FILMS CINAR INC. v. CLAUDE ROBINSON and LES PRODUCTIONS NILEM INC.
(34466)

- AND -

RONALD A. WEINBERG and RONALD A. WEINBERG, IN HIS CAPACITY AS SOLE LIQUIDATOR OF THE
SUCCESSION OF THE LATE MICHELINE CHAREST v. LES PRODUCTIONS NILEM INC. and CLAUDE ROBINSON
(34467)

- AND -

CHRISTOPHE IZARD, FRANCE ANIMATION S.A., RAVENSBURGER FILM + TV GMBH and RTV FAMILY
ENTERTAINMENT AG v. CLAUDE ROBINSON and LES PRODUCTIONS NILEM INC.
(34468)

CORAM: LeBel, Fish and Karakatsanis JJ.

[1] The respondents, Claude Robinson and Les Productions Nilem Inc., are asking this Court to order the applicants to provide security in the amount of \$3,250,000 for the amounts they would have to pay should their appeals to this Court be unsuccessful. According to the respondents, this motion is made under s. 60(1)(b) of the *Supreme Court Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c. S-26, and Rule 47 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Canada, SOR/2002-156. The motion was filed at the very end of the leave to appeal process, after the Court had given notice that it was about to rule on the parties' applications for leave to appeal.

[2] The respondents obtained a judgment from the Superior Court ([2009] R.J.Q. 2261) ordering the applicants to pay them damages in respect of an infringement of copyright. The Quebec Court of Appeal upheld that judgment in part ([2011] R.J.Q. 1415). After the Court of Appeal's judgment, the applicants applied to a Court of Appeal judge under art. 522.1 of the Quebec *Code of Civil Procedure*, R.S.Q., c. C-25 ("C.C.P."), and s. 65.1 of the *Supreme Court Act* to stay the execution of the judgment pending consideration of their applications for leave to appeal and, should leave be granted, pending a decision on the appeals.

[3] Fournier J.A. granted the stay applications in part (2011 QCCA 2305 (CanLII)), but imposed certain conditions for the stays, including the deposit of partial security for the payment of the capital, interest and costs that the applicants would have to pay should their appeals to the Supreme Court be unsuccessful. He dismissed the stay application in respect of

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Mr. Weinberg after concluding that it would be pointless to order Mr. Weinberg to provide security, since he did not appear to have any assets. Fournier J.A. ordered the applicants Cinar Corporation and Les Films Cinar Inc. ("Cinar") to deposit a bank letter of credit for \$750,000. He also ordered the applicants Ravensburger Film + TV GmbH, RTV Family Entertainment AG, France Animation S.A. and Christophe Izard to deposit a letter of credit for \$2,500,000 or an equivalent irrevocable undertaking from their insurer as a condition of the stay. Cinar deposited its letter of credit. Counsel for Ravensburger Film + TV GmbH, RTV Family Entertainment AG, France Animation S.A. and Christophe Izard informed counsel for the respondents that their clients would not be providing the letter of credit they had been ordered to deposit. As a result, the Court of Appeal's judgment remains enforceable against them until this Court rules on the parties' appeals.

[4] We will not grant the requested order for security. Although we do not mean to say that it would be impossible to order security — whether the deposit of a bond or any other form of security — in excess of \$500, it appears that this Court has never granted such security as a condition for bringing an appeal under s. 60(1)(b) of the *Supreme Court Act*, which has traditionally been applied so as to require the deposit of only a symbolic amount of \$500 in respect of the costs of the appeal (*Lanificio Fratelli Bettazzi S.N.C. v. Tissus Ranchar Inc.*, September 6, 1990, No. 21373, per Cory J.; see H. S. Brown, *Supreme Court of Canada Practice 2012* (2011), 12th ed., at pp. 134-36). The type of security the respondents are seeking has usually been granted as a condition for a stay of proceedings or a stay of execution under s. 65 or 65.1 of the *Supreme Court Act* or under a statutory provision such as art. 522.1 *C.C.P.*

[5] In the instant case, the conditions for the requested stays were laid down in Fournier J.A.'s decision. That judgment will continue to apply for the duration of the appeals for which leave is being granted in judgments rendered this same day by this Court and filed together with our decision on the respondents' motion. This motion by the respondents, whose application for leave to appeal is also being granted, amounts for all intents and purposes to an attempt to review the judgment of Fournier J.A.

[6] It should be added that it would be difficult to reconcile security such as this with the requirements underlying proper access to the Supreme Court. Section 40 of the *Supreme Court Act* provides that an application for leave to appeal is to be decided on the basis of the importance of the case. Moreover, the procedure for granting leave to appeal is in itself a sufficient deterrent against frivolous or dilatory appeals.

[7] For these reasons, the respondents' motion is dismissed without costs.

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May 18, 2012

[R. v. Maybin](#)

Neutral Citation: [2012 SCC 24](#) (CanLII)

File No.: 34011.

2011: December 15; 2012: May 18.

Present: LeBel, Fish, Abella, Rothstein, Cromwell, Moldaver and Karakatsanis JJ.

On Appeal from the Court of Appeal for British Columbia

Criminal law — Offences — Manslaughter — Causation — Accused punching victim in head during barroom altercation rendering him unconscious — Third party intervening and punching victim in head — Victim dying from injuries — When does an intervening act by another person sever causal connection between accused's act and victim's death, thereby absolving accused of legal responsibility? — Whether it was open to trial judge to find that accused's assaults remained a significant contributing cause of death despite intervening act.

Late at night, in a busy bar, the accused brothers T and M repeatedly punched the victim in the face and head. T eventually struck a blow that rendered the victim unconscious. Arriving on the scene within seconds, a bar bouncer then

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struck the victim in the head. The medical evidence was inconclusive about which blows caused death. As a result, the trial judge acquitted the accused brothers and the bouncer. The Court of Appeal was unanimous that the accused's assaults were factually a contributing cause of death — "but for" their actions, the victim would not have died. Furthermore, the majority of the Court of Appeal concluded that the risk of harm caused by the intervening actor could have been reasonably foreseeable to the accused. The dissenting judge did not agree that the accused could have reasonably foreseen the conduct of the intervening actor, and also concluded that the intentional act of a third party (bouncer) acting independently severed legal causation. The appeal was allowed, the acquittals were set aside and a new trial was ordered.

Held: The appeal should be dismissed.

May 17, 2012

Tessier Ltée v. Quebec (Commission de la santé et de la sécurité du travail)

Neutral Citation: 2012 SCC 23 (CanLII)

File No.: 33935.

2012: January 17; 2012: May 17.

Present: McLachlin C.J. and LeBel, Deschamps, Fish, Abella, Rothstein, Cromwell, Moldaver and Karakatsanis JJ.

On Appeal from the Court of Appeal for Quebec

Constitutional law — Division of powers — Labour relations — Company normally and habitually providing crane and heavy equipment rental services and, to lesser extent, stevedoring services — Whether stevedoring activities form part of federal jurisdiction over shipping — Whether stevedoring activities form integral part of federally regulated undertaking — Whether company's employees governed by federal or provincial occupational health and safety legislation — Constitution Act, 1867, ss. 91(10), 92(10), and 92(13).

T is a heavy equipment rental company that rents out cranes and heavy equipment. It also engages in intra-provincial road transportation and maintenance and repair of equipment. In 2005-2006, some of its cranes were used for stevedoring. This activity represented 14 percent of its overall revenue and 20 percent of the salaries paid to employees. T's stevedoring services were not performed by a discrete unit of employees; the employees were fully integrated into T's workforce and worked interchangeably across the different sectors of the organization. At the relevant time, all of T's activities took place within the province of Quebec.

In 2006, and based on the *Stevedores Reference*, [1955] S.C.R. 529, T's parent company sought a declaration from Quebec's Commission de la santé et de la sécurité du travail ("CSST") that T's activities fell under federal jurisdiction and that it was not, as a result, subject to provincial occupational health and safety legislation. T argued that its stevedoring activities are part of the federal government's jurisdiction over shipping, with the result that its employees should be federally regulated. The CSST concluded that T's activities came under provincial jurisdiction. This conclusion was upheld by the Commission des lésions professionnelles but was overturned by the Superior Court. The Court of Appeal allowed the appeal and agreed that provincial regulation applied, based primarily on the findings that stevedoring represented only a minor part of T's overall operations, that it did not have a special stevedoring division, and that T had not adduced evidence of the nature of its contractual or organizational relationships with the federal shipping companies it serviced.

Held: The appeal should be dismissed.

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:: NOVA SCOTIA BILLS ::

Nova Scotia Bills

<http://nslegislature.ca/index.php/proceedings/status-of-bills/>

The House resumed sitting on Thursday, March 29, 2012 and adjourned on Thursday, May 17, 2012.

The following bills were PASSED during the spring sitting of 2012:

<http://nslegislature.ca/legc/index.htm>

- Chapter No. 1 - Appropriations Act, 2012
- Chapter No. 2 - Community Easements Act
- Chapter No. 3 - Dalhousie University-Nova Scotia Agricultural College Merger Act
- Chapter No. 4 - Financial Measures (2012) Act
- Chapter No. 5 - Fish Harvesters Registration and Certification Board Act
- Chapter No. 6 - Good Forestry Management on Crown Land Act
- Chapter No. 7 - Grandparents' Rights Affirmation Act
- Chapter No. 8 - Justice Administration (2012) Act
- Chapter No. 9 - Maritime Link Act
- Chapter No. 10 - Matrimonial Statutes Repeal Act
- Chapter No. 11 - Mortgage Regulation Act
- Chapter No. 12 - NewPage Port Hawkesbury Pension Plans Act
- Chapter No. 13 - Patient Safety Act
- Chapter No. 14 - Promotion of Respectful and Responsible Relationships Act
- Chapter No. 15 - Status of the Artist Act
- Chapter No. 16 - Assessment Act (amended)
- Chapter No. 17 - Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Resources Accord Implementation (Nova Scotia) Act (amended)
- Chapter No. 18 - Conservation Easements Act (amended)
- Chapter No. 19 - Consumer Protection Act (amended)
- Chapter No. 20 - Education Act (amended)
- Chapter No. 21 - Education Act (amended)
- Chapter No. 22 - Fisheries and Coastal Resources Act (amended)
- Chapter No. 23 - Gaming Control Act (amended)
- Chapter No. 24 - Interjurisdictional Support Orders Act (amended)
- Chapter No. 25 - Maintenance and Custody Act (amended)
- Chapter No. 26 - Medical Society Act (amended)
- Chapter No. 27 - Municipal Government Act (amended)
- Chapter No. 28 - Municipal Government Act (amended)
- Chapter No. 29 - Nova Scotia Association of Health Organizations, An Act to Incorporate (amended)
- Chapter No. 30 - Nova Scotia Tartan Act (amended)
- Chapter No. 31 - Personal Health Information Act (amended)
- Chapter No. 32 - Public Trustee Act (amended)
- Chapter No. 33 - Purchasing Management Association of Canada Act (amended)
- Chapter No. 34 - Securities Act (amended)
- Chapter No. 35 - Annapolis Valley Apple Blossom Festival, An Act to Incorporate The (amended)
- Chapter No. 36 - Crosbie Memorial Trust Fund Act (amended)
- Chapter No. 37 - Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Commission Act (amended)

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:: PROCLAMATIONS UPDATE ::

The following proclamations were published in the *Royal Gazette, Part II* since the last issue of *InForum*:

An Act to Amend Chapter 34 of the Acts of 2001, the Lobbyists' Registration Act, SNS 2010, c. 57, s. 6
NS Gaz Pt 2, [05/18/12](#)
NS Reg 96/2012

An Act to Amend Chapter 103 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Corrections Act, SNS 2011, c.56, s. 3
NS Gaz Pt 2, [05/18/12](#)
NS Reg 97/2012

Proclamations are published in the *Royal Gazette, Part II*, which is issued every other week and is available by [subscription](#). Unofficial copies of the *Royal Gazette, Part II* are available [online](#) through the Registry of Regulations website.

The Office of the Legislative Counsel maintains a Proclamations of Statutes database, providing the effective dates of proclamations for statutes from 1990 to date. The database is updated with information received weekly from the Executive Council Office. To access the database, go to the Office of the Legislative Counsel's [website](#), then select Proclamations from the list of links on the left side of the page. The information provided by the database is for convenience only. For purposes of interpreting and applying the law, please consult official sources.

The orders in council authorizing the proclamations can be searched via the [Orders in Council](#) database maintained by the Executive Council Office. This database contains information about orders in council dating back to 1991.

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:: LIANS TIPS ::

Professional Standards (Real Estate) Committee – New fillable buyer / seller checklists

The Professional Standards (Real Estate) Committee has prepared these checklists, with special thanks to Ian MacLean QC and Brenda Rice-Thomson for all of their hard work. They are intended to be tools and resources for practitioners to use at their discretion and are not intended to replace the professional judgment of a practitioner. They are, however, intended to encourage practitioners to consider a variety of issues. As not all issues or sections will be applicable on every matter, practitioners are required to exercise their discretion. Draw from these checklists or, to use as is, simply fill out either form and 'Save as an Adobe PDF' to your hard drive.

[Single Family Residential Real Estate Checklist \(fillable PDF form\) - Purchaser](#)

[Single Family Residential Real Estate Checklist \(fillable PDF form\) - Seller](#)

RISK AND PRACTICE MANAGEMENT TIP: Using a privacy screen filter on your laptop

With more lawyers going mobile today, maintaining client confidentiality becomes increasingly challenging. If you occasionally work on your laptop in a coffee shop, airport, meeting room or any public place, ask yourself this question:

Is your work protected from the curious eyes of the people around you?

Privacy screen filters are perfect for disguising confidential information in high-traffic areas or workspaces. These filters also help protect the screens from damage and reduce glare, which can make it easier to see the screen when working in bright environments. The filters are available at most office supply stores and from online retailers in a wide range of prices.

*If you have any questions on these, or any other risk- or practice-related matters, do not hesitate to contact Stacey Gerrard, LIANS Counsel with the **Risk and Practice Management Program** at sgerrard@lians.ca or call 423-1300 ext. 345.*

FRAUD ALERT: Website content / link hosting scam

A common scam that has been circulating involves an unsolicited, but fairly convincing email from an individual ultimately looking to have a link posted on your site. Most often the link is either pornographic or will infect your computer with a virus. Most unsolicited emails offering a service or looking to host a link on your site nowadays can be dismissed as spam, a scam or often both. Feel free to ignore and delete these, but if in doubt contact Cynthia Nield at cnield@lians.ca. You can read an example of this type of email below:

From: Julie Aterspack [mailto:aterspack.julie@gmail.com]
Sent: May 15, 2012 12:29 AM
Subject: Paralegal Programs Research

Hi [redacted],

I am curious if you are the person responsible for adding content to the following page: [*appears as a page from your practice's website*]

If not, feel free to forward me on to the correct person! I came across your page during my research for a project for which I am contributor. It is a resource that provides a comprehensive overview of the legal and paralegal system, with a critical look at the history of online privacy laws. As technology continues to evolve, in its wake are left issues that require legal protections and stipulations. The research project offers, for professionals present and future, a wide range of legal topics ranging from significant court cases to basic career insights.

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I would love to send over more details about this project, and partner with you to have it listed as a resource link on your site. Let me know!

Thanks for your time. I look forward to working with you!
Julie

What we actually learn, from any given set of circumstances, determines whether we become increasingly powerless or more powerful. Blaine Lee

As always, trust your instincts – and when in doubt, contact Cynthia Nield, LIANS' Database and Information Officer, at cnield@lians.ca or 423 1300 x346 to help you debunk any emails or potential "clients".

NSLAP WELLNESS TIP: Choosing a summer camp – creating summer memories!

The following is an article excerpt from Homewood Human Solutions™, your health and wellness provider.

Memories of long winter days are finally fading and the anticipation of summer fun is just around the corner. With the school year coming to a close, it's not too early to begin planning your children's summer activities. Choosing from the many available options of day or overnight camp can be a daunting task for working parents, requiring a significant amount of research.

Homewood EAP would like to assist you by identifying some key factors that will help you to make some well-informed choices, providing your child with a summer full of fun and memories!

Most importantly, remember...

Your child has his/her own unique needs and desires. It is important that the ultimate selection of a camp accommodates all or some of the needs, interests, goals and expectations of both parent and child. Sending your child to a camp because other friends (or yourself in earlier times!) may have enjoyed it could be the wrong assumption. As well, many different factors including your child's age, how easily he or she handles separation from the family, your child's special interests and skills and your preferences as a parent, should all be key considerations in making a well-informed choice of day or overnight camp.

Summer camp preferences checklist

Now the fun begins! At your earliest opportunity take some time to sit down with your child and determine what appeals to you both. Some things to consider would be:

Camp program

- Day
- Overnight
- Sleepaway (generally 1-8 weeks)

Camp setting

- Lakeside
- Wilderness
- City
- Country

Gender of campers

- Girls only
- Boys only
- Co-ed
- Sister/brother

Camp location

- Close to home
- Considerable distance from home

Camp activities

- Water sports
- Educational
- Performing arts
- Creative arts
- Team/Individual sports

Ages of campers

- Same age
- Two-year spread
- 3-5 year spread
- Any age range

Cost: What works best for your budget? Will there be additional costs?

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Camping associations

After you have given some thought to the type of camp experience you are looking for, it is now a good time to contact your local camping association. Each province or state has formed a community of camp professionals devoted to maintaining high standards for organized camping. For example, in Ontario there is the Ontario Camping Association, a voluntary, non-profit organization devoted to maintaining the highest standards for organized camping. The OCA has made available to the public, "The Camping Guide" which lists all the camps accredited by the Association.

This accreditation process assures prospective campers and their families that an established standard of quality in every aspect of a camp's operation has been met. To find out more about the various camping associations, you can visit the following websites:

Canadian Camping Association

www.ccamping.org
819-424-2662

American Camp Association

www.acacamps.org
765-342-8456

Canadian Parents for French – Nova Scotia

<http://www.cpfns.ednet.ns.ca/>
(click 'CPF Camps' on the left side menu)
902-453-2048

International Camping Fellowship

www.campingfellowship.org
705-789-5612

Camping Association of Nova Scotia

www.campingns.ca
902-425-5454

With the many different programs and recreational experiences available for children today, giving the time and thought necessary to choose the ideal camp experience will be a richly rewarding experience for both you and your child.

"Yes, summer is over, but not in my mind for memories of camp will last a lifetime."

*For more information and support on choosing a summer camp, along with resources and counselling to improve your health and wellness, visit the NSLAP website at www.nslap.ca. Please note that **LAP** is your "company" name when you register. When you call the LAP number at **1-866-299-1299**, your call will be answered any time, day or night, 365 days per year.*

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Bedford South: Pre-leasing available in new Nine Mile Circle development

We are pre-leasing our latest development in Bedford South on Larry Uteck Boulevard. The building, Nine Mile Circle, will have 25,000 square feet of retail space on the ground floor and 25,000 square feet of office space on the second level.

The site will provide tremendous exposure, ample parking, and modern amenities. Further details and visuals are available at this link: <http://www.borisholdings.com/ninemilecircle.htm>.

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Seeking lawyer to share office space in Bedford

David G. Barrett Law Inc. is seeking a lawyer to share office space & facilities in its offices in the Sun Tower, Bedford, NS. Sun Tower is in the heart of Bedford, on major bus routes, with ample free parking onsite, and close to shopping, restaurants, gyms, and malls.

Our offices are bright and well-appointed, with large windows facing Sunnyside Mall and the Chickenburger Restaurant. In addition to the lawyer's office, which is approximately 16 feet by 12 feet, a large secretarial/assistant's workstation is also available. Photos of the available office space and our offices can be found at this [link](#).

Our offices are also equipped with a kitchen. The base rent for the available office space is \$1,200.00 per month, plus a share of office expenses (photocopier, cable, etc.)

If interested, kindly forward an email with your contact information to David G. Barrett at dgbarrett@eastlink.ca. All enquiries will be held in the strictest confidence.

Website: <http://www.barrett-law-inc.com/>

Law books available in North Sydney

Cusack Law Office Inc. is having to destroy or give away several sets of law books:

- a set of ALLERs ... not kept up to date;
- DLRS up to about 10 years ago;
- NSRs up to about 5 or 6 years ago
- perhaps a set of MPRs
- Halsbury's 3rd and perhaps 2nd.

This is because the office building was sold and the current office is too small. A local lawyer has room for some, but not all of the books. Takers will be responsible to transport the books.

Please contact Elizabeth Cusack QC if interested: 902 564 8396.